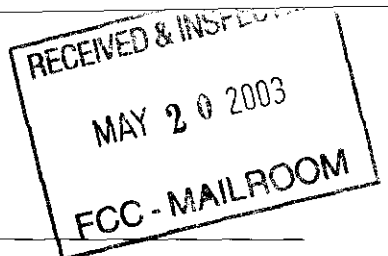


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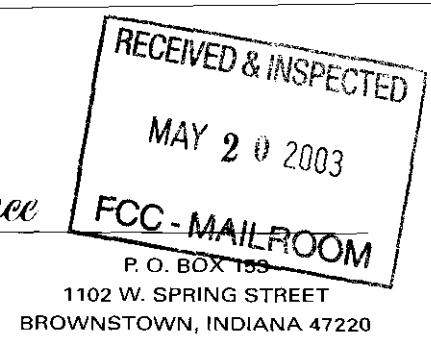
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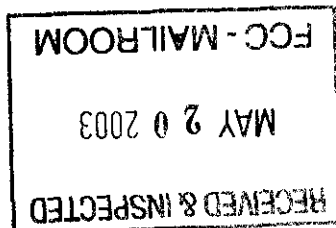
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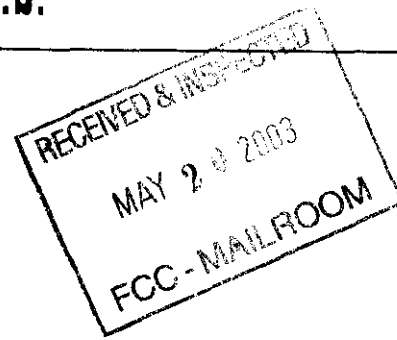
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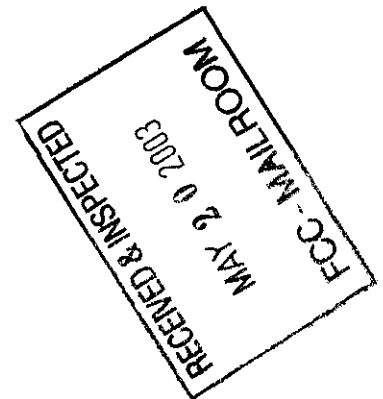
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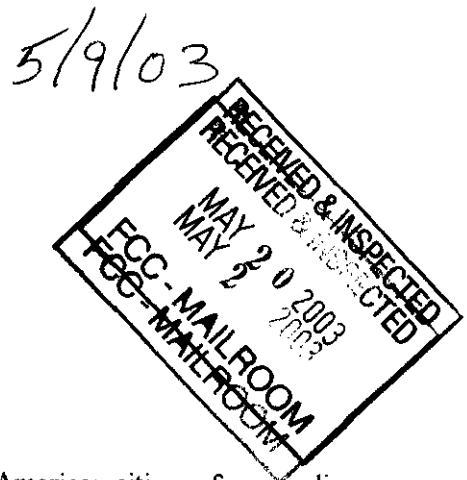
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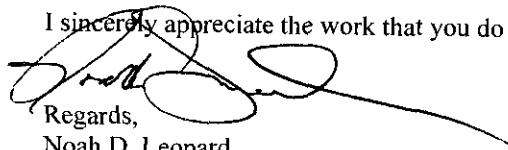
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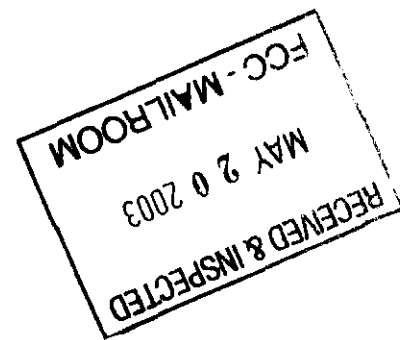
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I sincerely appreciate the work that you do and trust you will consider my request.


Regards,
Noah D. Leopard

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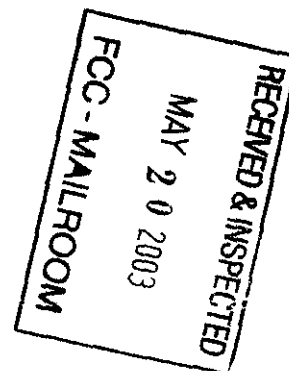
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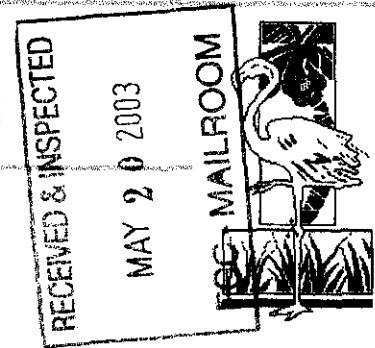
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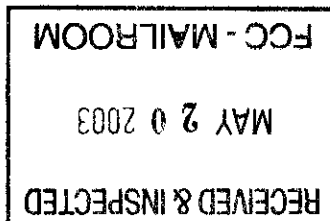
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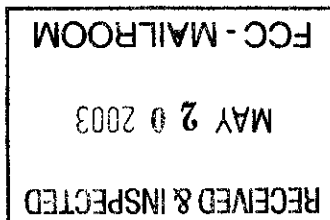
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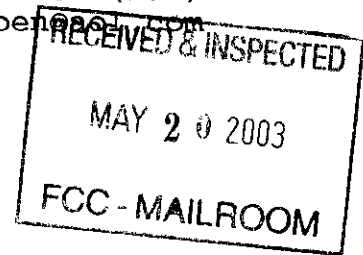
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by U.S. Mail

re: relaxation of newspaper-broadcast cross ownership rules

Dear Commissioner Copps:

I oppose the proposed deregulation of newspaper-broadcast cross ownership rules.

Enclosed is a May 12 Seattle Post-Intelligencer editorial which discusses the consequence of concentrated media ownership. The article states that television presents only the superficial, and has lost the ability "to report complicated but important stuff that bears on the lives of ordinary people".

This is because, as the editor opines, "focus groups...tell TV consultants that coverage of politics and government is 'dull' and that stories that bleed must lead."

In other words, the profit motive requires that entertainment replace news. This is practical economics in the world of the oligopolistic mega-media owners. In the lost, past world of the many and varied owners, there were many and varied strategies to achieve economic survival. But with concentrated ownership, the number of creative avenues to real news decrease.

Soon, we will have reality-TV "news", just as we now have entertainment "news." Both are oxymorons, but both are proven money-makers and the media giants will always choose the proven over the creative.

Concentration of media ownership destroys competition in the presentation of news. It destroys real news.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Shoen

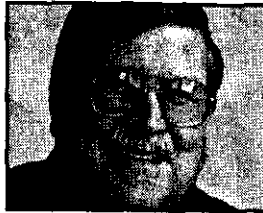
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cc: Senator John McCain

Good news is lost in shadow of TV imagery

IN THE NORTHWEST

JOEL CONNELLY



RONALD REAGAN MEANT the phrase "morning in America" as a metaphor on the eternal youth of his country. Recent events, however, have convinced me that it means the best time of day for the angle of sunlight in TV coverage of warships returning from Gulf War II.

"Image is everything," the tennis star Andre Agassi once proclaimed in a television spot for Canon cameras.

What we're getting these days are bright-and-shining images manipulated to cast our leaders in glorious light, and to obscure any serious question about their policies or conditions in this country.

President Bush played top gun, landing aboard the carrier USS Abraham Lincoln off the coast of San Diego to welcome home a ship and crew after long months of service in harm's way.

On that same day, up north where the Lincoln is based, alumni of other wars attending Everett Community College were learning that their veterans tuition discounts were being terminated as of this fall.

As the carrier steamed north last week, the South Whidbey School District, home to numerous Navy families, was grappling with a potential \$328,000 budget shortfall and discussing whether to lay off teachers.

Of course, none of this penetrated the cheesy coverage on local television. Nor did the national networks, beaming images of the president, point out that the Bush administration had tried to reduce by \$172 million the federal impact aid money to school districts around the country — Oak Harbor is a prime example — with high numbers of military families.

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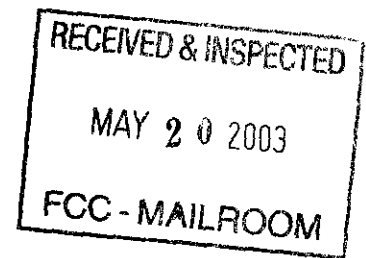
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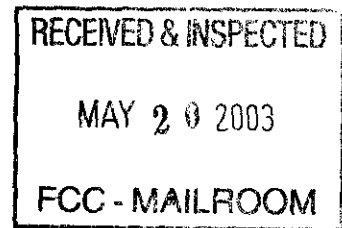
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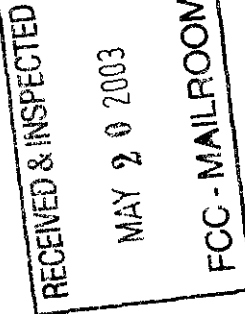
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Dear Chairman Powell:

Since the era of James Madison and the Federalist Papers, our media has been the lifeblood of our values, culture and democracy. Concentrating that power in an increasingly smaller group is simply wrong.

It's wrong for business in that it stifles competition and limits innovation.

It's wrong for our culture in that it empowers the tyranny of a single world view.

It's wrong for our democracy in that it strangles dissenting opinion and the new ideas that are the seeds of our future.

Please preserve the lifeblood of our nation by limiting media ownership and ensuring a free and open marketplace of ideas.

Sincerely,

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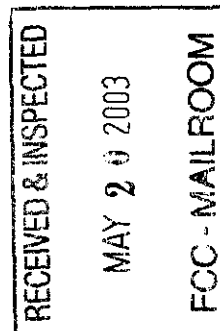
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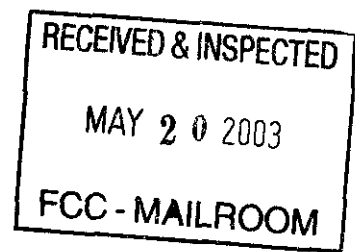
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Dear Chairman Powell:

RE: Proposed Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Regulation Changes

I am deeply concerned to hear of the proposed changes to the FCC regulations that will allow further concentration of our national media. This type of media monopoly has dire implications; for example, of the Americans that believed that they were well informed about the Iraq war, 90% of them received ALL of their information from the television. The general public knows only what the mass media provides. By further reducing the independent media voices to a small handful of mega-corporations, we are quietly giving up an important part of our democratic process.

The arguments being used in support of the changes are misleading. Particularly the argument stating that "the public gets confused with all the media choices"; this assumes that people have lost their ability to think critically and that they must have choices made on their behalf. I, for one, want to be given the information so that I may make my own choice—this is my democratic right as a citizen.

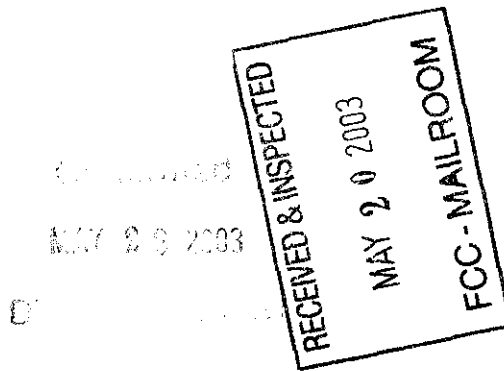
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I do not want the Murdoch's of the world controlling the European and the U.S. media markets.

A free press can not exist under the proposed changes. The smallest news organizations; whether broadcast or print, will be driven to economic failure.

The "free-press" concept was considered a necessity by our country's founders.

When we can only hear or see limited or points of view controlled by a single individual or organization on any issue, then we are no longer Americans. Our freedom of choice will have been given away.

We will have joined the third-world and the FCC will have assisted in this wrong-doing.

I expect you to fulfill your responsibility as my commissioner to uphold this uniquely American value through your regulatory oversight.

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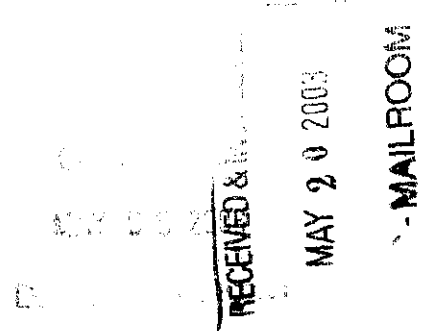
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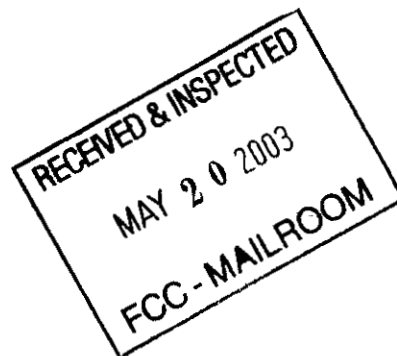
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Re: Make Your Voice Heard on Media Diversity Before It's Too Late!

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

I am writing to remind the members of the Federal Communications Commission that you are responsible for ensuring that the media "serve the public interest." I am concerned that if the FCC continues to relax regulations on media ownership, the victor will be big business--and the casualties will be the people of the U.S.

The free flow of information, the benefits of local competition and the power of a diverse marketplace will virtually disappear.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

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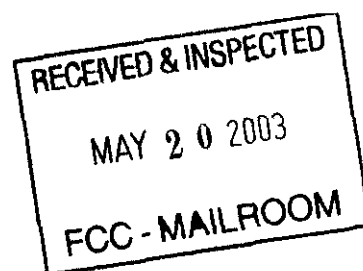
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*I am very concerned about
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as well.*

G. June McLaughlin
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February 12, 2003



Michael K. Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Powell:

You are rushing through an important process that few in the public know about. Lawmakers, musicians, academics and consumer groups have asked to delay the FCC's vote to allow more public comment. I know you have been urged to stay on schedule by Republicans and Commerce Secretary Donald Evans. This is wrong. The public has a right to know.

Companies could own combinations of newspapers and television and radio stations in the same city and any one company could control TV stations reaching nearly half of the U.S. homes under broad changes to media ownership rules proposed Monday.

Merging the dominant local newspaper with a major local TV station is dangerous to our democracy because it combines the key watchdogs that keep an eye on each other. Local newspapers and broadcast markets already are highly concentrated. More mergers will occur if the changes are approved; hurting competition and stifling diversity by leaving a few huge companies in control of what people see, hear and read. I no longer watch the news on TV. I do not feel that I am hearing the truth.

Hopefully, you will reconsider.

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